

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Editors Note: David K. Lyman, Torrance attorney, in a letter to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, challenged the Mayor of Torrance to debate the issue of Torrance having geographic councilmanic districts, and accused selfish special interest groups of protecting their own interests to the detriment of the public by opposing the creation of councilmanic districts in Torrance.

Dear Gentlemen:  
Not one valid reason against councilmanic districts has been presented by the opponents of this move. They state that districts bring on bossism, but neglect to state that we elect congressmen, state senators, assemblymen, county supervisors and many other officials by geographic district.

The cities of Redondo Beach, Long Beach and Los Angeles elect their councilmen by district and I haven't heard or seen where bossism is running wild in these communities. The opponents of councilmanic district would have you believe that this was some revolutionary idea, whereas in reality it only appears startling when compared with Torrance's present horse and buggy type system of representation controlled by people who are still in the horse and buggy era. Some of the people in our city must realize that Torrance is not the same community that it was 15 years ago and what

was the best system then may not be the best system now.  
The truth is that the present system of electing councilmen at large has created a machine that is controlled by a few Torrance businessmen, plus various real estate speculators. In order for a candidate to be elected to the city council at large he must spend, or people on his behalf must spend, \$5,000. This means that this ruling clique can control the actions of the council because councilmen must have this group's financial backing to win. Councilmanic districts will break the back of this ruling clique, and they know it.

"The people of Torrance are faced with an opportunity to do something that will benefit the community as a whole. I am speaking out at this time because I feel this issue is too important to be decided by a battle between one selfish group fighting to maintain their stranglehold on the city, and another attempting to pry their way into office. I call on all civic groups, church groups, service clubs and other interested organizations to inform themselves on this matter. It is time for the people who live in Torrance and are interested in the city as a place to live and raise their families to make themselves heard in city government by pushing for the adoption of councilmanic districts in Torrance."  
David K. Lyman

Boating Is No 1 in Area

One hundred and fifteen thousand Californians make boating the number one participant sport in this area. If you're not one of them now, you'll discover the first time you head the bow out from shore that no other sport offers so much fun for the entire family. In our super civilized world of time, clocks and commuter schedules, open water is the last frontier available to the average man—but one he can easily conquer as captain of his own boat.

Your interest may be in fishing, water skiing, skin diving or maybe just plain cruising. Whichever of the many water sports is your favorite, the proper knowledge of how to operate your boat under varying circumstances and conditions is a must.

Boaters have a code to govern their actions in and around boats: Courtesy and Common Sense Afloat.

Rear Adm. Ned W. Sprow, Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District with Headquarters in Long Beach, stated:

**GEAR NEEDED**  
"Regardless of where you do your boating, it's a must to carry this gear: Coast Guard approved life vest, or buoyant cushion, lights and approved fire extinguisher."

In addition, Common Sense Afloat dictates that you should have a compass, anchor, fenders, flashlight, line, spare gas can, bilge pump, first-aid kit, paddle and tool kit.

With all this equipment aboard you should be ready . . . but wait, how about checking your boat?

Gasoline vapors are explosive and, being heavier than air, will settle in the lower parts of a boat. Close all doors, hatches and ports while fueling. Smoking strictly prohibited. Filling nozzle kept in contact with the fill pipe. Avoid spilling, especially when filling outboards.

After fueling, thoroughly ventilate all compartments. Check fuel tank areas for fumes. Take time to be safe. Keep fuel lines tight and bilges always clean.

**DON'T OVERLOAD**  
Do not overload your boat. Maintain adequate freeboard at all times. Keep an alert observer when towing a skier.

Be especially careful when operating in an area where swimmers might be. They are often difficult to see when there is glare on the water or if it is a bit choppy.

Keep fire-fighting and lifesaving equipment in good condition and readily available at all times. The first few seconds are often the most important.

For their safety—and your peace of mind—have children wear life preservers. Never hesitate to have "all hands" wear life preservers whenever the weather, a dangerous bar, or other circumstances cause the slight-

est doubt of safety.  
Do you know the various distress signals? Learn them. You may need help or have an opportunity to help others. Learn the storm signals as well.

Remember, that there is nothing complicated or particularly difficult about operating your boat. Don't fear your boat or the water—but learn to respect them. Learn your skills slowly, in logical order, and take your time.

One of the best ways to broaden your boating skills is to attend one of the many courses offered every year by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons or local boating clubs.

Area Educational Level on Upswing

An increasing educational achievement level and its subsequent greater earning and buying potential has been the trend for Los Angeles metropolitan area residents over 25 years of age for the past decade, reports the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Research Committee.

One out of every four people in the Los Angeles metropolitan area over 25 years of age has completed one or more years of college, the Research Committee indicated.

This current proportion of partially college educated residents — approximately 1,000,000 persons — is more than triple the number noted in 1950.

**ONE IN TEN**  
And in the same 25 and over age group, one in every 10 people has completed four or more years of college, or more than 386,000 persons. This is almost triple that of 1950.

The rising educational level of Southern California citizens touches nearly every aspect of the local economy, said Dr. Norman Topping, chairman of the committee.

**BETTER STATIONS**  
"As more of our residents acquire better educations for themselves, they tend to develop a desire to speedily better their stations in life," he added.

"People with college educations usually demand better quality goods and services, as well as more leisure time. They earn much more and spend much more," he went on.

At the same time the number of Southern California residents with college educations is on the increase, the proportion of low education levels here is declining, the committee report indicated.

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